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1. From 6 to 15 November 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder, was occupied by 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. On 6 November, 12 x 76-mm AA guns were seen in the barracks area. Troops received instruction on four of these guns. On 7 November, about 600 troops and 10 officers marched into the installation. A military band preceded the troops. On 13 November, about 100 troops armed with submachine guns or rifles and carrying practice targets and signal equipment left the installation toward Rosengarten. About 160 troops were lined up in the barracks area.

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2. From 6 to 13 November, the Buelow Kaserne at the intersection of Fuerstenwalder Strasse, Post Strasse and Schiller Strasse was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Half of these troops had tank insignia. On 6 November, 10 x 76.2-mm and 10 x 57-mm AT guns were parked in the barracks area. On 7 November, about 240 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 75 percent with tank insignia, marched into the installation coming from Westkranz. A military band preceded the troops.

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3. From 6 to 13 November, the southwest section of Eichhorn Kaserne on Muellroserland Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 7 November, 120 troops and 5 officers marched into the installation. A military band preceded the troops. On 13 November, about 150 soldiers drilled with small arms in the barracks yard and 25 soldiers practiced throwing of hand grenades.

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During the same period, the northeast section of the installation was occupied by a depot of the Kech as previously. On 6 November, about one third of the buildings, for the first time, were lighted after nightfall. No activities were observed.

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4. From 6 to 13 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse was lighted about 40 percent during the evening hours. On 7 November, 15 officers and 200 MM marched toward the installation. T-34 tank [redacted] was in the barracks yard. On 13 November, 45 troops drilled with submachine guns between the garages. No other activity was observed. 25X1
5. From 6 to 13 November, the Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaummuehlen Weg served, as previously, as transient quarters for officers and quartered a workshop. On 7 November, 8 officers and 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched to the installation. After an interval of one hour they were followed by another column of 7 officers and 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 13 November, 50 troops without arms were lined up in the barracks yard. Some troops were near the ordnance shop. No maintenance work was observed. About 50 percent of the quartering buildings were lighted at dusk. Bus [redacted] repeatedly was seen shuttling between this and other barracks installations of the post. 25X1
6. From 6 to 13 November, the Horn Kaserne and the cantonment on Nuhner Chaussee were occupied by a total of about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. A few soldiers were occasionally observed at drill. In the evening hours of 13 November, about 90 percent of the quartering buildings were lighted. Tank truck [redacted] was seen in front of the installation. 25X1
7. From 6 to 15 November, the Zietzen Kaserne on Copernicus Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. On 7 November, about 180 troops marched into the installation, where three groups totaling about 150 troops, were lined up in the yard, and numerous soldiers were in the quarters. On 13 November, about 60 soldiers with rifles drilled in the barracks yard. Fifty men were seen at combat practice in the area beside the installation. About 50 percent of the quartering buildings were lighted at dusk.
8. From 6 to 15 November, the kommandatura on Fuschkin Strasse was, as previously, occupied by about 60 troops half of which wore red-bordered black and half, black-bordered crimson, epaulets. Drill and physical training were observed.
9. From 14 to 31 October, the Horn Kaserne on Nuhner Chaussee was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. All the quartering buildings were lighted after nightfall. eight T-34/85 tanks and no training activity were observed in the barracks area. In the evening hours of 24 and 28 October, the tanks left the installation toward Luebbroserland Strasse. Many groups each consisting of 50 or 100 soldiers were seen arriving at, or departing from, the cantonment near Horn Kaserne. The arriving troops were not detained in Frankfurt/Oder but at the Pauler See and Rosengarten block stations. The departing troops mostly left in groups of 50 men on regular leave trains or boxcars. Receiving stations, among others, were Erfurt, Magdeburg and Eberswalde. The arriving as well as the departing soldiers were unarmed. 25X1C

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1. Comment. According to the information contained in the present report, it does not appear that the distribution of units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div and the 32d AAA Div (US) in the various installations in Frankfurt/Oder have changed since the time prior to the departure of the troops for summer training. The barracks installations are carried occupied as follows:

Artillerie Kaserne by the division headquarters, a light and a medium regiment of the 32d AAA Div (US).

Puelow Kaserne by the 25th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div.

Southwest section of Lichhorn Kaserne by a guard unit of the komandatura.

Northeast section of the Lichhorn Kaserne by a furniture depot of the Kech.

Hindenburg Kaserne by the 57th Gds Tank Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div.

Hofbauer Kaserne by transient billets for officers and a repair shop.

Horn Kaserne by the 84th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div.

Ziethen Kaserne by the U/1 Gds How Arty Regt and the 280th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, and a tank repair shop, probably of the division.

Cantonment of the Horn Kaserne by transient billets for ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ involved in the rotation program.

It is noteworthy that all these barracks installations were not occupied to capacity and only little training activity was observed. It is not known if part of the units were absent from the post. The T-34 tanks allegedly observed in the Horn Kaserne presumably were SU 100 guns which, according to T/2, belong to a heavy tank SP regiment.

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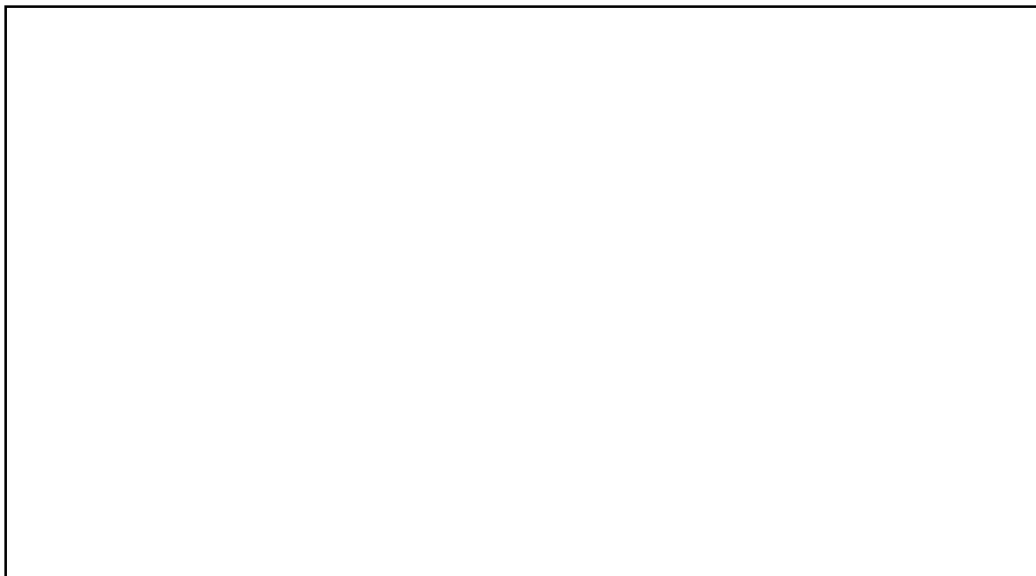
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